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SUBJECT: TAXI DRIVERS ON STRIKE

1. LUANDA TAXI DRIVERS ON STRIKE TO PROTEST TWO MURDERS DURING PAST WEEK WHICH, ACCORDING TO PRESS, APPEARED TO BE MOTIVATED BY "VENGEANCE" RATHER THAN ROBBERY. MURDERS EACH TOOK PLACE IN MOSTLY BLACK WORKER HOUSING AREAS. TAXI DRIVERS CONGREGATED AT PALACE EARLY MORNING JULY 11 WITH SMALLER GROUP HOPING FOR INTERVIEW WITH COMMANDER IN CHIEF AT NEARBY FORTRESS. TAXI DRIVERS ARE DEMANDING "GUARANTEES" FROM GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY AGAINST WHAT IS PRESUMED TO BE BLACK REPRISALS FOR EARLIER ABUSES TOWARDS BLACK COMMUNITY BY ENTIRELY WHITE DRIVERS.

2. IF REACTION OF MFA OFFICIAL IN INFORMAL CONVERSATION TODAY REPRESENTS OFFICIAL VIEW, TAXI DRIVERS HAVE LITTLE HOPE OF EARLY SUPPORT FROM OFFICIALS. HIS COMMENT WAS THAT TAXI DRIVERS BECAUSE OF THEIR HISTORY OF BRUTALITY TOWARDS BLACKS IN AFFECT HAVE BROUGHT RETALIATION ON THEMSELVES AND "THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT." IN FACT, WHAT ARMED FORCES HAVE ALREADY DONE ABOUT IT IS TO WARN TAXI DRIVERS THAT ANY COUNTERMOVES ON THEIR PART WILL BE DEALT WITH HARSHLY. THIS LEAVES TAXI DRIVERS NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO TURN OFF THEIR METERS AND HOPE THAT PUBLIC REACTION WILL

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EVENTUALLY FORCE MILITARY TO BACK DOWN ON WARNINGS ISSUED TO

TAXI DRIVERS NOT TO ENGAGE IN ACTS OF SELF DEFENSE. AS FREQUENT-  
LY REPORTED BY US IN PAST, TAXI DRIVERS ARE WELL-ARMED, BUT SINCE  
APRIL 25 UNCHARACTERISTICALLY COWED BY ADMONITIONS FROM ARMY.  
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